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1. SUMMARY: DURING OCTOBER 20 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON BRITAIN'S INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE SEAT AT PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE, FONSEC CALLAGHAN KEPT OPEN HIS OPTIONS FOR FUTURE MANEUVER. ON THE ONE HAND, HE STRESSED HIS DEDICATION TO SUCCESS OF DIALOGUE WHILE GIVING AWAY NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE ON DEMAND FOR APPROPRIATE UK REPRESENTATION. AT SAME TIME HE SIDESTEPED A LEFT WING LABOR MP'S DECLARATION OF FULL SUPPORT FOR CALLAGHAN'S CONTINUING TO PUT BRITAIN'S INTERESTS FIRST AND FOREMOST. END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONDING TO QUERY BY "SHADOW" FONSEC MAUDLING WHICH EMPHASIZED CLASH BETWEEN BRITAIN'S INTERESTS IN NORTH SEA OIL AND SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE, CALLAGHAN IGNORED NORTH SEA ASPECT OF QUESTION. HE STATED HOWEVER THAT HE WANTED BOTH TO MAKE SURE BRITAIN IS PROPERLY REPRESENTED AND THAT CONFERENCE IS A SUCCESS. HE DID NOT THINK THESE WERE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TO ACHIEVE BOTH.

3. CALLAGHAN ALSO IGNORED LEFT WING LABOR MP ERIC HEFFER'S DECLARATION THAT AS LONG AS CALLAGHAN CONTINUES TO HANDLE MATTER IN WAY WHICH PUTS THE INTERESTS OF BRITAIN BEFORE THE INTERESTS OF ANYONE ELSE HE WILL RECEIVE FULL AND WIDE SUPPORT OF MOST MPS, CERTAINLY FROM LABOR SIDE. INSTEAD OF TAKING UP THIS INVITATION TO REITERATE HARD LINE APPROACH, CALLAGHAN EMPHASIZED THAT "WE MUST TRY AND RECONCILE ALL THE INTERESTS HERE. I AM AS CONCERNED AS ANYBODY ELSE TO SEE THAT THE DIALOGUE. . . WHICH IS NOW EXTENDED SHALL BE SUCCESSFUL."

4. IN DESCRIBING EXPANSION OF DIALOGUE TO INCLUDE THREE ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONS BEYOND ORIGINAL ENERGY IDEA, CALLAGHAN MADE CLEAR THAT BRITAIN HAD A POINT OF VIEW ON RAW MATERIALS WHICH HAD BEEN PUT TO COMMONWEALTH PRIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTERS IN JAMAICA. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT AS BRITAIN IS STILL THE SECOND FINANCIAL RESERVE CENTER IN THE WORLD, "IT WOULD BE RATHER ODD IF I DID NOT SAY THERE WAS A BRITISH POINT OF VIEW WHICH OUGHT TO BE REPRESENTED."

5. CALLAGHAN REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER 18-19 MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LUCCA. BEYOND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIS EC COUNTERPARTS, HE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AND THAT POSITION HAD NOT ADVANCED AT ALL ON THIS ISSUE. HE REMARKED HOWEVER THAT LURID COLORS IN WHICH MATTERS SUCH AS NOW BEING CONSIDERED ARE PAINTED IN PRESS OUGHT NOT BE ACCEPTED AS FAIRLY REPRESENTING DISCUSSIONS THAT TAKE PLACE.

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